

Morefield's Leather Flower

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IDENTIFICATION: Morefield's Leather Flower (*Clematis morefieldii*) is a vine growing to 16 feet in length, covered with dense white hairs. The flower is urn shaped and pinkish, and blooms in late May through early July. It is often found near seeps under mixed hardwoods on rocky south and southwest facing mountain slopes. Trees found near it often include smoketree and chinquapin oak.

FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS: Use of fire is unlikely on these sites, but mechanical site prep and clearcutting would damage it. Light thinnings might be tolerated. Take care during thinning operations to avoid direct impacts to the plant.



DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY: This plant is found only in Madison County.

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